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SUBJECT: ARCHBISHOP ATTACKS NG GENERAL STAFF

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1. JUNE 6 ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS ISSUED STRONGEST DENUNCIATION NATIONAL GUARD TO DATE. CASTIGATED NG GENERAL STAFF FOR SELECTING CADET OFFICERS WHO HAD BEEN REJECTED BY COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AS DISLOYAL. SAID THIS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED AND REITERATED HIS DETERMINATION PURGE NG. ADDITIONALLY, ARCHBISHOP ATTACKED CADET OFFICERS FOR THEIR PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES AND THEIR ROLE IN ANTI-GOVT ACTS, INCLUDING ARMS THEFTS. HE DESCRIBED NG AS "BREEDING PLACE" FOR TERRORIST EOKA-B. ARCHBISHOP POINTEDLY NOTED HE HAD MADE HIS VIEWS KNOWN TO DENISIS BEFORE THE GENERAL'S DEPARTURE FOR ATHENS.

 $2.\ AT$ SAME TIME, GOVT HAS CONTINUED PRESSURE AGAINST EOKA-B, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ARRESTING 20 DISSIDENTS JUNE 6 IN PRO-GRIVAS STRONGHOLDS

OUTSIDE LARNACA.

3. COMMENT: IN ATTACKING NG GENERAL STAFF CADET SELECTION, MAKARIOS IS ON STRONG LEGAL GROUND. NATIONAL GUARD LAW GIVES COUNCIL OF MINISTERS SOLE AUTHORITY APPOINT. AT THIS STAGE AT LEAST, ARCHBISHOP MADE NO REFERENCE TO SHORTER TERM OF SERVICE FOR NATIONAL GUARD OR REDUCATION IN NUMBER GREEK OFFICERS STATIONED HERE, TWO SUBJECTS EXTENSIVELY DEBATED IN PRO-GOVT PRESS. GRANT

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